



October 14th, 2016

California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street Sacramento,
CA 95814

Re: Comments concerning ARB FY 16-17 Funding Plan Modifications

Sylvatex Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the staff's Low Carbon Transportation Investment funding allocation proposal. We are not in agreement with the current modifications of funding plans for the following reasons:

- a) We do not support the reduction in allocated funding for the Advanced Technology Demonstration Projects from \$59M to \$34M as alternative products are necessary for widespread emissions reductions. Off road engines are a major source for harmful emissions in SJV and fuel solutions are needed since changing out the fleets to heavy duty is extremely costly and not viable for the foreseeable future. This fund needs to maintain at the \$59M or be increased to support the integration and widespread adoption of these important technologies.
- b) Many, if not all of the zero emissions technologies (primarily electric vehicles) do not apply to all of the off-road equipment, which is in reality, the biggest contributing section towards emissions in our environment.
- c) The additional funding plans of \$15M towards SJVAPCD is a good step towards more projects to reduce the emissions, however, this amount is only shown to be allocated to light-duty equity projects. We urge the board to consider allotting some amount of this money towards heavy-duty (on/off road) projects as well.
- d) Lastly, there should be an emphasis on funding/supporting California based companies to continue to drive the State economy as well as an emphasis on funding/supporting minority run companies.

Sylvatex has been engaging with a lot of government agency leadership and staff including ARB, CEC and California senators such as Sen. (Retd) Richard Polanco over the need for more funding towards advanced emission reducing technologies in State. We strive to be part of the low carbon solution while increasing the success of the local economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely

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Virginia Klausmeier,
CEO/President
Sylvatex, Inc.